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Sharing God's Blessings	
Date	Collection
August 3&4	\$ 1966

By August 3, CSA 2024, we raised \$4,925 (100%) of \$4920, Our Building insurance will be more than \$12,000; the sharing of CSA this year will use to pay for our building insurance. Please keep the bard raising. Thanks for your support !

MASS ETIQUETTE

- Remember to **be silent, turn off, and put away your cell phones**, tablets, and gaming devices prior to the start of Mass.
- Keep in mind the Communion fast**—we are to fast from food and drink (water and medicine excluded) one hour before receiving Holy Communion. **This includes chewing gum.** Even you are not planning to receive the Holy Communion, chewing gum is generally not appropriate in a church, including during Mass, for Catholic teaching. Let us prepare our body and soul to worthily receive and worship our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.
- When we are in the church (specifically in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament), **we should keep our volume to a reverential whisper, if conversation is necessary. This is to promote prayer with Christ in the Eucharist and to prepare our hearts and minds for Mass and express our reverence to the present of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.** Community time is best for after Mass in the hall or outside the church. Thank you for your mindfulness!

LITURGY SCHEDULE
SATURDAY: 5:00 p.m
SUNDAY 11:00 a.m
Sunday at 8:30 a.m at Risen Lord, Clay
WEEKDAY: Tue, Wed, Thu at 5:00 p.m.
Friday at 8:00 a.m
Holy Day of Obligation at 6:00 p.m
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:
Every Tuesday at 5:00 p.m prior to Mass
RECONCILIATION: Any time 30 minutes before or after daily Mass, After Sunday Mass
Other days by appointment
MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday August 10—Mass at 5:00 p.m
 For Beata's Intentions
SUNDAY AGUSUST 11
 FOR PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS
Tuesday—Aug 13- Adoration and Mass at 5:00 p.m—For Beata's Intentions
Wed Aug 14 the Vigil Mass at Risen Lord, Clay for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 6:00 p.m
Thursday Aug 15 —the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 6:00 p.m—Holy day of obligation
Friday — August 16—Mass at 8:00 a.m

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
 Anna Myers - Aug. 11
 Michael Duty - Aug. 12
 Solomon Carpenter - Aug. 13
 Freyja Carpenter - Aug. 17
 Jennifer Knowles - Aug. 17

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION August
For Political Leaders: Let us pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking care of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poor.

Greetings on this Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time!
 Dear Sisters and Brothers,
 On Thursday August 15, we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is Holyday of Obligation. **Mass at St. Thomas will be at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 15, 2023.** (We will also have Vigil Mass at Risen Lord at 6:00 pm on Wednesday August 14, 2024. Therefore, No daily Mass at 5:00 p.m at St. Thomas on Wednesday August 14)

On this important feast day, we try to answer two questions: 1) What is meant by "Assumption?" 2) Why do we believe in Mary's Assumption into Heaven, despite the fact that there is no reference to it in the Bible?

The Catholic Church believes that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was assumed body and soul into heaven at the end of her life. We believe in the resurrection of bodies that decay after death; Mary needed no resurrection of the body because hers was preserved from corruption. She was assumed into heaven, "into Heavenly glory, where the Lord exalted her as Queen of Heaven. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, # 966*).

This Feast has a long history. In the Orthodox Church, the *koimesis*, or *dormitio* ("falling asleep"), of the Virgin began to be commemorated on August 15 in the 6th century. The observance gradually spread to the West, where it became known as the feast of the Assumption.

By the 13th century, the belief had been accepted by most Catholic theologians, and it was a popular subject with Renaissance and Baroque painters.

It was on November 1, 1950, that, through the Apostolic Constitution *Munificentimus Deus*, Pope Pius XII officially declared the Assumption as a Dogma of Catholic Faith. This document gives us five reasons for our belief in the Dogma of Assumption of Mary.

- The uninterrupted tradition about Mary's death and Assumption starting from the first century.
- The belief expressed in all the ancient liturgies of the Church.
- The negative evidence — the absence and veneration of a tomb of Mary while most of the apostles have their tombs.
- The possibility of bodily assumption warranted in the Old Testament in the cases of Enoch (Gn 5:24), perhaps Moses (Dt 34:5), and especially Elijah (II Kgs 2:1).
- The theological reasons: a) The degeneration of the body after death is the consequence of "original sin," and Mary, as "Immaculately Conceived," is exempted from the post-mortem decay of the body. b) As receiver of the fullness of grace and holiness because she is mother of Jesus and co-redeemer with Him, Mary's place is with her son, God's Son Jesus, the Redeemer, in the abode of holiness, Heaven.

The Assumption: A Sign of Hope

As Catholic, we pray that the souls of the faithful departed would soon be united to God in heaven. The truth is, the separation between our souls and our bodies was not God's original plan for things. It's one of the results of the Fall, of original sin. At the end of time and Jesus' second coming, our bodies and souls will be reunited. Lest we forget, Mary's Assumption is the reminder. By celebrating the Assumption of Mary, we, too, hope to participate in complete joy in heaven with our God, experienced body and soul. **"Mary, Mother of God, Pray for Us!"**

THANK YOU
A Big Thank You to Marian Agostino, Louise Elwood, Dot Shimko, Connie Moore, Mary Hailer, Tom Teubert and Rick Allen, Shaina, Beva & Fiona Shaver and 5 volunteers from St. Joseph the Worker parish in Wheeling, for the help for the Food Pantry on Aug 7 & 8 **We served 82 families and the nurse in Wheeling, Cindy Hess checked blood pressure for 20 people this month.**

Next OCIA Class will be held at 5:00 p. m on August 16 , 2024
 All are welcome to join us.
GOT LIFE QUESTIONS? OCIA

Have you or someone you know? Expressed an interest in becoming Catholic? Been baptized as a child, but not received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? Have a child older than 7 who's not baptized? The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is the process for adults who desire to join the Catholic faith and for those seeking more information on the Catholic Church. If you are *interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please let Fr. Thien know. 304-364-5895) or tdnguyen@dwc.org*



On July 24 & 25 at our Mission Church-
 the Risen Lord Food Pantry in Clay
 we served 273 families with more than
 15,000 lbs. of food.
**THANKS VOLUNTEERS
 AND BENEFACTORS**
*“Truly I tell you, whatever you
 did for one of the least of these
 brothers and sisters of
 mine, you did for me.”
 (Matthew 25:40)*



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